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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: FLAME-RETARDED PLASTIC COMPOSITION, YARN AND TEXTILE
STRUCTURE COATED THEREWITH

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 14-24 as follows:

--14. A process for obtaining a yarn comprising a core and a plastic sheath comprising a halogen-free fire-retarded composition, consisting of at least one acrylic resin and an intumescent agent which are dispersed in a plasticizing medium, which process is characterized in that:

- a) a die suitable for passage of the core of said yarn is used;
- b) the plastic composition is used in the ungelled plastisol state;